HOUSE BILL 2412

By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 14, relative to easements for private roads and utilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-14-101, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (3) to subsection (a):

(3) If a person who has already been granted a petition for a private road pursuant to this section determines that additional land is needed for the purpose of extending utility lines, including, but not limited to, electric, natural gas, water, sewage, telephone, or cable television, to the enclosed land, such person shall file a new petition so requesting. Upon receipt of a petition requesting additional land for the extension of utility lines, the court may grant such petitioner's request and direct a jury of view to lay off and mark an area for utility lines that is fifteen feet (15") wider than is permitted by the provisions of subdivision (a)(1).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.